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MANCHESTER MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL GUN CHARGE

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE - David P. Lafond, age 26, of Manchester, New Hampshire, has pled guilty in United States District Court in Concord, New Hampshire to an indictment charging him with being a Convicted Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

Mr. Lafond is scheduled to be sentenced on July 13, 2006, by Judge Joseph DiClerico. Mr. Lafond faces a maximum sentence of 10 years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000. He has been detained since his arrest.

At the change of plea hearing, the defendant admitted he was in possession of two loaded pistols when the car he was driving was stopped by the Manchester Police Department on November 23, 2005. He had been convicted of Sale of Cocaine in Hillsborough County Superior Court in 1998.

The case is being prosecuted as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods. Project Safe Neighborhoods is a federal program to reduce gun violence in New Hampshire by aggressive investigation and prosecution of firearm offenders, education of the public and training of law enforcement officers about federal firearms laws.

In commenting on the guilty plea, United States Attorney Tom Colantuono said, "In New Hampshire, if you're a felon and caught with a firearm, you're going to federal court and face federal prison time." U.S. Attorney thanked Manchester Police Chief John Jaskolka, and Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Glenn Anderson for the investigative work of their agencies. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Clyde R. W. Garrigan, Coordinator for Project Safe Neighborhoods.

